

From: "DARC EHenderson" <darc.ehenderson@gmail.com>  
To: "William Gibbons (wgibbons)" <wgibbons@memphis.edu>  
Date: 3/2/2017 9:53:29 AM  
Subject: Re: Memphis murders

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I spoke with Harvey this morning and talked through those cases I was able to match between TIBRS and MPD's homicide bureau list. He is going to have Simcox and the compliance people review the remainder to determine why the others are not present within TIBRS and get back with me. I'll let you know when I hear back. -E

On Mon, Feb 27, 2017 at 4:18 PM, DARC EHenderson <darc.ehenderson@gmail.com> wrote:

Ok, thank you. I'll keep you posted.

On Feb 27, 2017 4:17 PM, "William Gibbons (wgibbons)" <wgibbons@memphis.edu> wrote:

Nope.

Bill Gibbons

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From: DARC EHenderson <darc.ehenderson@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2017 4:15:31 PM  
To: William Gibbons (wgibbons)  
Subject: Re: Memphis murders

Just saw your other email to Harvey and I'll look at the attachment. Have you heard anything from them regarding homicides yet? I know they are busy, so I don't want to disturb them, but will follow up again tomorrow if no word.

On Feb 27, 2017 4:00 PM, "William Gibbons (wgibbons)" <wgibbons@memphis.edu> wrote:

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> OK.

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> **From:** DARC EHenderson <[darc.ehenderson@gmail.com](mailto:darc.ehenderson@gmail.com)>  
> **Sent:** Monday, February 27, 2017 1:44:43 AM  
> **To:** William Gibbons ([wgibbons](mailto:wgibbons))  
> **Subject:** Re: Memphis murders

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> Will do. I'm not sure he has anything to do with this process, but I was hoping if not- his experience might help shed some light on possible glitches (if they exist). It may be there are various reasons for the other cases (some might be awaiting rulings), but seems like there has to be multiple things going on for the number remaining. I'll keep you posted.

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> On Feb 26, 2017 10:53 PM, "William Gibbons ([wgibbons](mailto:wgibbons))" <[wgibbons@memphis.edu](mailto:wgibbons@memphis.edu)> wrote:

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>> Goodness ! Keep me posted. (Jim Harvey is right down the hall from me, so I'll try to talk to him.)

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>> Sent from my iPhone

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>> On Feb 26, 2017, at 2:10 PM, DARC EHenderson <[darc.ehenderson@gmail.com](mailto:darc.ehenderson@gmail.com)> wrote:

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>>> Please see the following message I sent to Jim Harvey asking for help in clarification of those cases where I could not find a match. I will let you know when I hear back from MPD but wanted you to see what I have figured out so far. -E

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>>> ----- Forwarded message -----

>>> From: **DARC EHenderson** <[darc.ehenderson@gmail.com](mailto:darc.ehenderson@gmail.com)>

>>> Date: Sun, Feb 26, 2017 at 2:06 PM

>>> Subject: Fwd: Memphis murders

>>> To: James Harvey <[Jim.Harvey@memphistn.gov](mailto:Jim.Harvey@memphistn.gov)>

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>>> As you can see in the forwarded messages below, Bill has asked if I could look into the discrepancy of the MPD and TIBRS homicide numbers. I emailed Lt Simcox late Friday, but it may have been too late to hear anything back before her weekend.

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>>> Even though I have not heard back from Amy Simcox yet, I have compared the homicide bureau's list of homicides for 2016 to the data available online with TIBRS. Since I am uncertain of the internal process between the homicide bureau and the comstat office for determining what is submitted to TBI, I am not sure how much of the 195 on the list I have from homicide would have been submitted to TBI. While justifiable and fetus deaths were filtered from the homicide list, are there other reasons a case would be on the MPD list and not be submitted to TBI or should the remaining 195 all be represented in the TIBRS data?

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>>> The comparison process between the TIBRS data and the list from MPD is difficult since the same fields are not available in both tables. The TIBRS data does not have the complete case number, so I used the partial case number, along with the victim age, race, and gender to match the cases. While this is not ideal, without the victim names in the TBI data, it was all we had to work with at present. Since there were no cases found with identical partial case numbers as well as identical victim details, I believe the cases are matched appropriately.

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>>> MPD reports 195 and TIBRS currently displays 175 (it was 171 when we pulled earlier in the month for the report). While I expected to find the 175 from TIBRS to be included in the MPD list, that is not entirely the case. The two data sources have 165 homicides in common. However, MPD's list has 30 that are not present online with TBI; and the TIBRS data has 10 homicides listed for occurring in 2016 that are not included in the MPD table. This totals 205 different homicides listed between the data sources.

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>>> Both data sources are filtered for criminal homicides (justifiables were excluded as well as fetus deaths since they are not included by definition in TIBRS). I do not see a pattern for why there are discrepancies between what MPD reports and what MPD submitted to TIBRS (ie if one source had multiple victims, the other did as well; so multiple victims are not the issue).

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>>> Would it be possible that when data is submitted- perhaps due to glitches in the uploading process or non-allowable characters in a field - that it may have caused a case to not be uploaded properly and therefore excluded from the online TIBRS data? This would not explain those cases in TIBRS that are not included in the MPD list. Is it possible those are data entry errors causing a case to appear as not matching one on the MPD list when it should? If that were the case and the 10 from TIBRS do actually match some of the 30 from the MPD list, that would take our total of different homicides from 205 to 195; then we just have to determine why the remainder are not present in TIBRS.

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>>> For reference, I have attached an Excel file where the two data sources were compared. Those homicides highlighted in blue are only present in the MPD homicide bureau list, those highlighted in orange are only present in the TIBRS data, and the remaining homicides (no highlighting) are found in both data sources.

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>>> Can you help me understand how these remaining homicides (30 on MPD's list and 10 in TIBRS) may line up or point me in the right direction to help clarify this? I greatly appreciate it.

Thank you so much. -E

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>>> ----- Forwarded message -----

>>> From: **DARC EHenderson** <[darc.ehenderson@gmail.com](mailto:darc.ehenderson@gmail.com)>

>>> Date: Fri, Feb 24, 2017 at 1:56 PM

>>> Subject: RE: Memphis murders

>>> To: "Rallings, Interim Director Michael" <[Michael.Rallings@memphistn.gov](mailto:Michael.Rallings@memphistn.gov)>

>>> Cc: [Sharonda.Hampton@memphistn.gov](mailto:Sharonda.Hampton@memphistn.gov), Bill Gibbons  
<[wgibbons@memphis.edu](mailto:wgibbons@memphis.edu)>, [Jryall@memphistn.gov](mailto:Jryall@memphistn.gov)

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>>> Thank you. I have emailed Amy Simcox to see if I can get a copy of what was submitted to TIBRS in order to identify which specific homicides are not present in their database to see what the possible reasons might be for their omission.

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>>> On Feb 24, 2017 12:36 PM, <[Michael.Rallings@memphistn.gov](mailto:Michael.Rallings@memphistn.gov)> wrote:

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>>>> Thanks, let us know what we need to do also.

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>>>> Director Michael Rallings,

>>>> Memphis Police Department

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>>>> ----- Original message -----

>>>> From: "William Gibbons (wgibbons)" <[wgibbons@memphis.edu](mailto:wgibbons@memphis.edu)>

>>>> Date: 2/24/17 11:28 AM (GMT-06:00)

>>>> To: DARC EHenderson <[darc.ehenderson@gmail.com](mailto:darc.ehenderson@gmail.com)>

>>>> Cc: "Rallings, Director Michael" <[Michael.Rallings@memphistn.gov](mailto:Michael.Rallings@memphistn.gov)>

>>>> Subject: Memphis murders

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>>>> Elisabeth,

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>>>> For 2016, you have the TBI reporting 171 murders in Memphis. MPD is saying it reported 195 murders to TIBRS (not counting justifiable homicides, etc.) Can you check on this discrepancy ?

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>>>> Bill Gibbons

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